

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A release apparatus for a clutch in a motor vehicle having a chassis, said arrangement comprising

a master cylinder of a hydraulic system,

a pedal for actuating said master cylinder to disengage said clutch, said pedal requiring an actuating force which is plotted against pedal travel during actuation of said master cylinder to produce a characteristic curve of said actuating force,

an energy accumulator which is pivotable with respect to said chassis, said accumulator storing energy when the clutch is engaged and providing a boosting force which reduces the actuating force when the clutch is disengaged, said boosting force being plotted against pedal travel to produce a characteristic curve of said boosting force, and

~~means for influencing said curve~~ a kinematic arrangement arranged between said energy accumulator and said pedal, for influencing the characteristic curve of the boosting force, the kinematic arrangement comprising a rolling cam and a roller which are pressed against each other by the energy accumulator, the roller moving across the rolling cam as the pedal travels during actuation of the master cylinder.

Claims 2-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A release mechanism as in claim 2 1 wherein said pedal has an arm extending toward said energy accumulator, said kinematic arrangement comprising a cam follower with a said rolling cam, and a said roller on the arm of said pedal.

Claim 8 (original): A release mechanism as in claim 7 wherein said cam follower has a first joint at said chassis and a second joint at said energy accumulator, said moving along said rolling cam and pivoting said cam follower when said clutch is disengaged.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A release mechanism as in claim 2 1 wherein said pedal has an end provided with a said rolling cam, said kinematic arrangement energy accumulator comprising a spring having a first end connected to said chassis and a second end carrying a said roller ~~which is pressed against said rolling cam by said spring~~.

Claim 10 (original): A release mechanism as in claim 9 wherein said spring comprises a leg spring having a leg anchored in said chassis.